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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health to
the West Penwith Rural District Council for the
Year 1942.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report
on the Health and Sanitary administration of the Rural District
of West Penwith for the year 1942, together with the vital
statistics in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry
of Health's Circular.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

Medical Officer of Health	Dr.H.H.Hadfield
Chief Sanitary Inspector	J.H.M.Craze.
Sanitary Inspector	J.W.Hitchens (On active Service)
Public Analyst	Dr.Pendrill Charles.



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SECTION A. - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area of Civil Parishes contained in the District :	61,088 acres
Normal estimate of resident population :	18,000
Number of inhabited houses is approximately	5,520
Rateable value	55,200
Sum represented by penny rate	£230.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total	M.	F.
<u>Live Births</u> Legitimate	240	132	108
Illegitimate	22	9	13

Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population: 14.2

<u>Still Births</u>	11	8	3
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Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births. 44.4

<u>Deaths</u>	256	133	123
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Deaths rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population: 13.8

Deaths from Puerperal Causes:

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
Puerperal sepsis:	Nil	Nil
Other puerperal causes	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	Nil

Death rate of Infants under 1 year of age:

All Infants per 1,000 live births:	34.4
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	37.5
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	28
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs)	Nil.

SECTION B. - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

- (i) Medical Officer of Health.
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HOUSING.

(1)	Total number of Houses inspected for Sanitary defects under Housing Acts	14
(2)	No. of Houses to be dealt with under Section 9.	1
(3)	No. of Houses to be dealt with under Section 11	-
(4)	Remedy of defects by informal Notices	11
(5)	No. of overcrowding reported during the year.	2.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

Complaints received and attended to	95
Houses inspected under Public Health Act	143
Inspections of Houses requiring repairs	67
Repairs carried out	49
Visits to infested premises	2
Premises disinfested	2
Visits to infected premises	45
Premises disinfected	45
Inspections of drains etc. (excluding new houses)	31
Drains etc. found defective	29
Drains etc. repaired or renewed	29
Drains tested with water	17
Inspections of sanitary and other conditions	262
Sanitary accommodation found defective or insufficient	31
Sanitary accommodation repaired, renewed or provided	19
Inspections re removal of offensive deposits	4
Inspections re percolation of water	1
Inspections re pollution of streams, wells, etc	3
Visits to food stores and shops	28
Visits to refuse tips	33
Visits to Camping Sites	11
No. of water samples taken	10
No. of samples found unfit	2
Sources of pollution remedied	2
Sources closed	Nil.

Arrangements for disinfecting are same as in previous reports.

INSPECTION OF PLACES WHERE FOOD IS PREPARED.

There are four Bakehouses which are frequently inspected and found in sanitary condition. There are two wholesale Butter Factories which have been visited and found in order. Messrs. Primrose Dairy and Sandows (Hayle) Ltd. are licensed to pasteurise milk.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS etc.

Inspections of cowsheds and dairies	193
Cowsheds passed for Accredited or T.T. producing herds	14
No. of cowsheds found not to comply with Milk & Dairies Order 1926	37
Notices served under Milk & Dairies Order 1926	37
Notices to be served under Milk & Dairies Order 1926	
Informal Notices	23
Notices complied with	19

Due to lack of water supply on the majority of farms in this district, it is difficult to ensure the proper cleansing of the cowsheds.

Owing to the present circumstances, service of Notices have been withheld, and where Notices have been served the responsible person is given an understanding that if the War continues beyond the time limit specified in the Notice, an extension may be granted varying according to circumstances.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Owing to war conditions, all the meat for West Penwith is slaughtered in the Borough of Penzance.

Other food condemned as unsound:

Tinned meat	392 lbs
Tinned fruit	78 tins
Tinned fish	101 tins
Tinned milk	134 tins.

Meat condemned in Butchers' shops and returned to centre approximately 58 lbs.

WATER SUPPLIES

The water supplies of the district are much the same as in previous reports. The supplies to population over one thousand have been chlorinated in accordance with the Ministry's instructions.

HOUSING IN THE DISTRICT.

The situation of the Housing conditions in the district is as outlined in the previous reports.

CAMPING SITES

Several visits have been paid to the Camping Sites and all licences have been renewed.

CIVIL DEFENCE

In general with other Local Authority staff, much time has to be devoted to Civil Defence work such as war damage, static water, shelters and salvage.

SHOPS ACT.

Twenty-eight visits have been paid to the shops through the district under the Shops Act, and found to be satisfactory.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The sewage systems in the district have been working fairly satisfactorily.

Particulars of notifiable diseases reported during the year 1942 are set out in the accompanying table.

Disease	Total cases notified	No. admitted to hospital	Total deaths.
Diphtheria	36	33	2
Scarlet Fever	9	4	Nil
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	Nil	Nil
Measles	2	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia	10	Nil	10
Puerperal Pyrexia	13	13	Nil
Enteric Fever	2	12	Nil

TUBERCULOSIS:

Age Periods	New cases		Deaths	
	Respiratory	Non.Respiratory	Respiratory	Non.respiratory.
1 -	-	1	1	1
5 -	1	2	2	-
15 -	5	1	-	-
25 -	1	-	-	-
35 -	2	1	1	1
45 -	4	1	-	-
55 -	1	-	1	-
65 and over	1	-	-	-
Total	15	6	4	2